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Examiner : S. Devi
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Applicants : Peter Rice et al.
Application No. : 09/699,224 Conf. No. : 8386
Filed : October 27, 2000
For : PEPTIDE MIMICS OF CONSERVED GONOCOCCAL
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to file a response to the February 26, 2003 Office Action. With the extension, this Response must be filed on or before August 26, 2003. A check in the amount of \$465.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

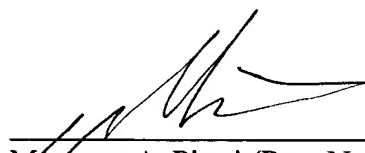
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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due,
or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of
this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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